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CONSULAR REPORT OF BIRTH ABROAD

The American Consulate General in Hermosillo strongly encourages all U.S. citizens who have children born in the Hermosillo Consular District to register them as U.S. citizens as soon as possible after the birth of the child. Upon registration, the child will be issued a Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America (CRBA), which is an official record confirming that the child acquired U.S. citizenship at birth. A CRBA can be issued only at an American Consular Office overseas, and only before the child reaches 18 years of age.

Parents seeking to obtain a CRBA for a child must be able to demonstrate to the interviewing consular officer that:

- At least one of the parents is a U.S. citizen at the time of applicant's birth;
- The child is the biological child of the U.S. citizen parent(s); and
- If only one of the parents is a U.S. citizen, the U.S. citizen parent was physically present in the United States prior to the birth of the child; if both parents are U.S. citizens, at least one of them must have resided in the United States prior to the child's birth. The period of physical presence in the United States required to transmit citizenship to a child born abroad varies, depending on the date of birth of the child and the marital status of the parents.

In preparation for your appointment, please download application forms:

DS-2029 http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/83127.pdf **DS-11** http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/79955.pdf

As well as the Affidavit of Parentage and Physical Presence:

Main page http://mexico.usembassy.gov/eng/eacs birth AFFIDAVIT-Of-Parentage-Physical-PresencePage1.pdf
Supplementary page http://mexico.usembassy.gov/eng/eacs birth AFFIDAVIT-Of-Parentage-Physical-PresencePage2.pdf

(Use the **Sample Affidavit of Parentage and Physical Presence** to assist you in filling out the forms). http://mexico.usembassy.gov/eng/eacs_birth_AFFIDAVIT-Of-Parentage-Physical-Presence-Sample.pdf

In addition to the application form, the parent(s) must provide:

- Original or Certified Copy of the Mexican Birth Certificate, Proof of Parent's Citizenship: US Passport (valid or expired); original U.S. birth certificate; or original Certificate of Naturalization
- Proof of Both Parents' Identity: Driver's license, State ID card, School ID, Mexican Voting Card, Passport
- If only the child's father is a US citizen, proof of parents' relationship: If parents were married prior to the date of conception, please provide an original or certified copy of the marriage certificate and divorce decree (if applicable). If parents were not married at the time of conception, please provide proof of the existence of the relationship at that time (personal letters and cards, dated photographs, telephone bills)
- Prenatal Documents: ultra sounds, prescriptions, and medical records.
- Documents from hospital where the applicant was born: identification bracelet, crib card, discharge orders, hospital bill
- Photos of Pregnancy and From Hospital: Photos taken of mother during pregnancy and in the hospital before and after the birth.
- Photos of the applicant from birth to present.
- Proof of parents' presence in Mexico: INM tourist card, FM-2, FM-3, Mexican passport
- If only one parent is a US citizen, proof of the parents' physical presence in the US: The parent must prove at least 5 years of physical presence in the US, at least 2 of which are after the age of 14. The period of physical presence need not be continuous. Presence must be proven with concrete evidence (school records, tax forms with W-2, earnings statement, pay receipts, passport stamps). Please note that if the child was born before Nov. 14, 1986, the parent must prove 10 years physical presence, at least 5 after the age of 14. You are encouraged to consult with a consular officer to discuss these requirements and the required documentary evidence.

In certain cases, documents in addition to those listed herein may be required.

The application fee for a CRBA is \$100 USD. We suggest that parents apply for a CRBA and passport for their child at the same time due to the requirements of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. The passport fee is \$105 USD if the minor is under 16, for children 16 and over the fee is \$135 USD. Two color photographs 2" x 2", front view, light background, are required.

Scheduling CRBA appointments – The applying parent should email the completed <u>DS-2029</u> as well as the <u>Affidavit of Parentage and Physical Presence</u> to <u>hermoacs@state.gov</u>. In the email, please be sure to include the applicant's name, parent's contact information and the completed forms. Once the information has been reviewed, apply for an appointment at: https://evisaforms.state.gov/acs/default.asp?postcode=HER&appcode=1

Waiting time for an appointment:

Depending on our workflow, it may take from 2 to 7 work days.

Delivery time for passports:

- You may pick it up at the ACS Citizenship and Passport office after 15 work days between 14:00 pm and 16:00 pm.
- You can also pay for the delivery through DHL courier service, please verify the costs and authorized offices at this Consulate.